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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT  
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Regulatory Division  
CENAE-R-PEC  
File No. NAE-2018-00910

November 8, 2018

Mr. Matt Urban  
New Hampshire Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Environment  
P.O. Box 483  
7 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03302-0483

Dear Mr. Urban:

Attached are two copies of a Department of the Army permit authorizing your project. **Please sign both copies of the permit and return one signed copy to this office at the address above.** The authorized work cannot start until we receive a complete, signed copy of the permit.

You are required to complete and return the attached forms to this office:

1. Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination Form to be signed and submitted along with your signed copy of the permit.
2. Work Start Notification Form at least two weeks before the anticipated work start date.
3. Compliance Certification Form within one month following the completion of the authorized work.

This permit is a limited authorization containing a specific set of conditions. Please read the permit thoroughly to familiarize yourself with those conditions, **including any conditions contained on the attached state water quality certification.** If a contractor does the work for you, both you and the contractor are responsible for ensuring that the work is done in compliance with the permit's terms and conditions, as any violations could result in civil or criminal penalties.

Our verification of this project's wetland delineation under the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, and its applicable supplement, is valid for a period of five years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision of the determination before the expiration date.

A combined Notification of Administrative Appeal Options and Process (NAP) and Request for Appeal (RFA) form, and flow chart explaining the appeals process and your options, are attached to this letter. If you desire to appeal this proffered permit, you must submit a completed RFA form along with any supporting or clarifying information to James W. Haggerty;

Administrative Appeals Review Officer; North Atlantic Division, Corps of Engineers; North Atlantic Fort Hamilton Military Community, Bldg. 301; General Lee Avenue; Brooklyn, NY 11252-6700. Contact info: (347) 370-4650 or [james.w.haggerty@usace.army.mil](mailto:james.w.haggerty@usace.army.mil).

In order for an RFA to be accepted by the Corps, the Corps must determine that it is complete, that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR 331.5, and that it has been received by the Division Office within 60 days of the date of the NAP.

You may not appeal conditions contained in the State water quality certification or the CZM consistency determination under this program as they are automatically included in the Federal permit. Also note that the Department of the Army permit process does not supersede any other agency's jurisdiction.

We continually strive to improve our customer service. In order for us to better serve you, we would appreciate your completing our Customer Service Survey located at [http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm\\_apex/f?p=regulatory\\_survey](http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey).

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Mr. Michael Hicks at (978) 318-8157, (800) 343-4789, or use (800) 363-4367 within Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Del Giudice  
Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch  
Regulatory Division

Enclosures  
Copy furnished:

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SHPO-NH

FHWA

USEPA

USFWS

Peter J. Walker: [pwalker@vhb.com](mailto:pwalker@vhb.com)

## NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

Applicant: NH RT 16 Improvements, NHDOT No. 16304		File Number: NAE-2018-00910	Date: 11/8/2018
Attached is:			See Section below
X	INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)	A	
	PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)	B	
	PERMIT DENIAL	C	
	APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	D	
X	PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	E	

**SECTION I -** The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/appeals.aspx> or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

**A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT:** You may accept or object to the permit.

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **OBJECT:** If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

**B: PROFFERED PERMIT:** You may accept or appeal the permit

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **APPEAL:** If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

**C: PERMIT DENIAL:** You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

**D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION:** You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.

- **ACCEPT:** You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- **APPEAL:** If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

**E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION:** You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

**SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT**

**REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS:** (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

**POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:**

If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal process you may contact:

If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may also contact:

Mr. James W. Haggerty  
Regulatory Program Manager (CENAD-PD-OR)  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Fort Hamilton Military Community  
301 General Lee Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11252-6700  
Telephone number: 347-370-4650

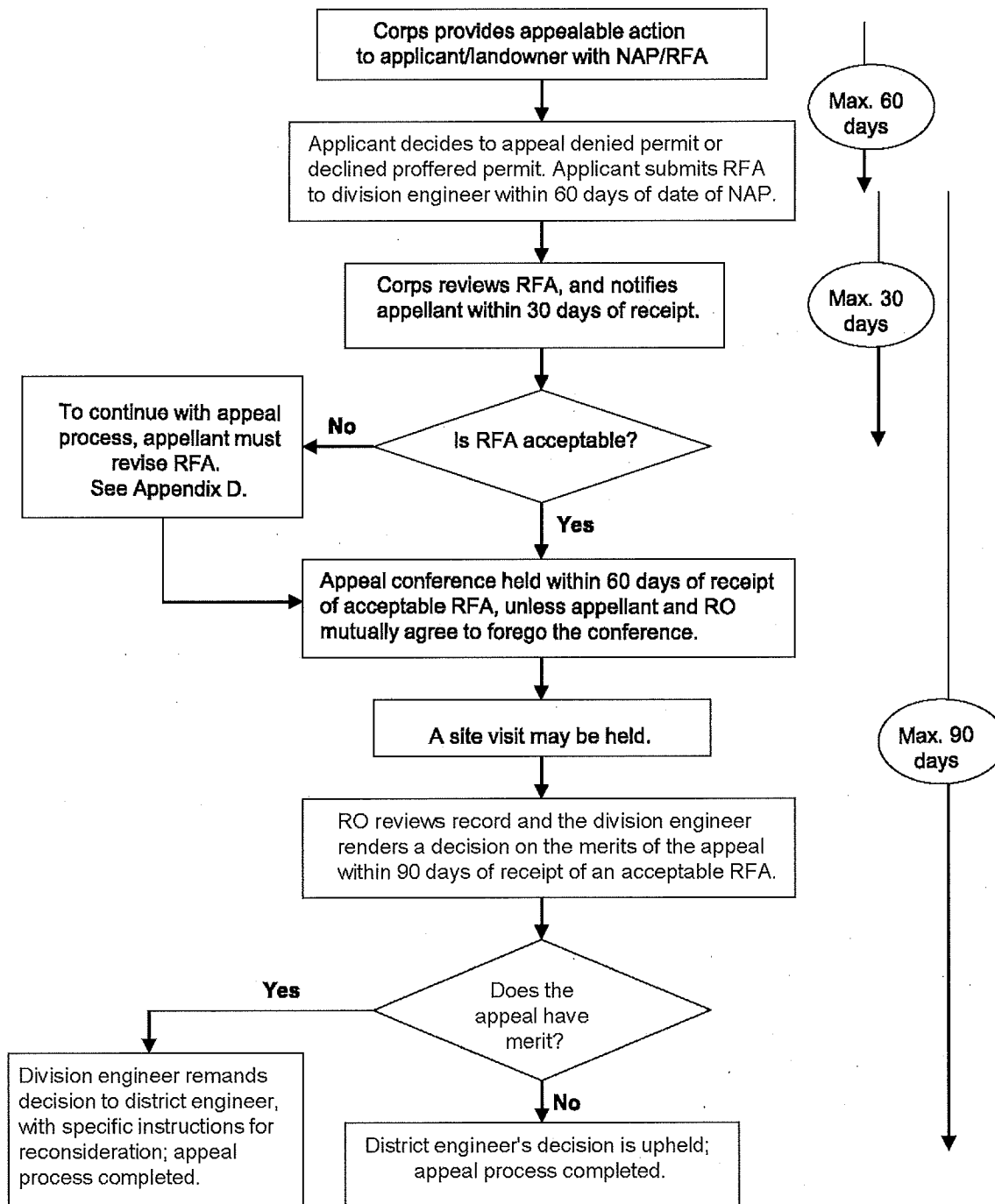
**RIGHT OF ENTRY:** Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15 day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of appellant or agent.

Date:

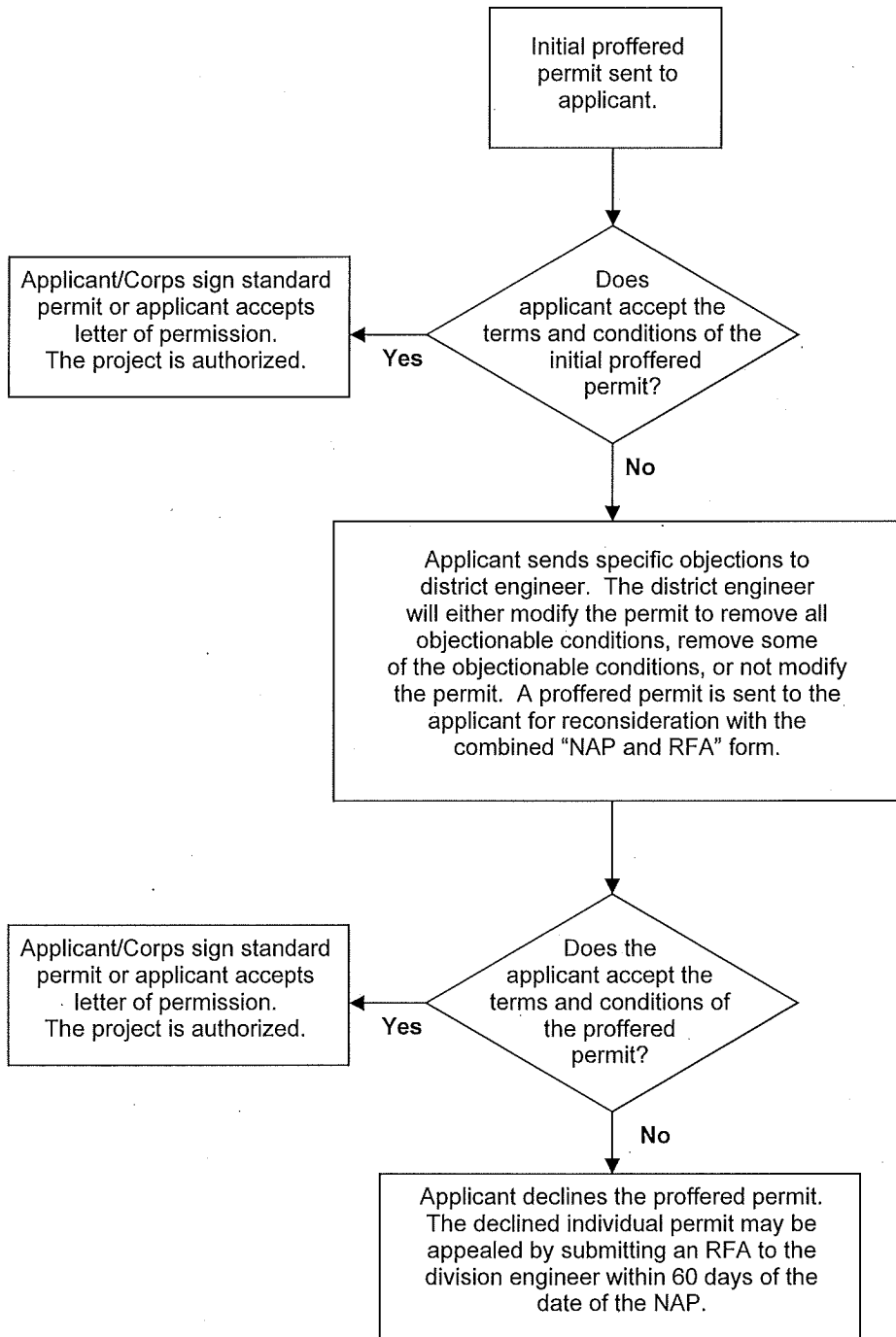
Telephone number:

## Administrative Appeal Process for Permit Denials and Proffered Permits



NOTE: If new information is provided to the Corps, the applicant will be asked if the applicant wishes to revise the project or record. If so, the appeal will be withdrawn and the case returned to the District for appropriate action. If not, then the Division Engineer will rule on the merits of the appeal based on the administrative record without consideration of the new information. However, the new information may cause the District Engineer to take action under 33 CFR 325.7, independent of the appeal process.

## Applicant Options with Initial/Proffered Permit





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**INDIVIDUAL PERMIT  
WORK-START NOTIFICATION FORM**  
(Minimum Notice: Two weeks before work begins)

\*\*\*\*\*  
\* MAIL TO: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District \*  
\* Permits and Enforcement Branch \*  
\* Regulatory Division \*  
\* 696 Virginia Road \*  
\* Concord, Massachusetts 01742-2751 \*  
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Corps of Engineers Permit No. NAE-2018-00910 was issued to the NHDOT on  
This work is located on NH RT 16 between Muzzy Hill Road and Dummer Pond Road in  
Dummer, New Hampshire. The permit authorized the permittee to place temporary and  
permanent fill in wetlands and streams in order to realign, elevate and repair NH RT 16. The  
project will result in approximately 296,435 s.f. of permanent wetland impacts and 745 s.f. of  
stream impact.

The people (e.g., contractor) listed below will do the work, and they understand the permit's  
conditions and limitations.

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

**Name of Person/Firm:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Numbers:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Work Dates:**      **Start:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Finish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permittee/Agent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Permit Issued:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Permit Expires:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR USE BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**PM:** Hicks      **Submittals Required:** Yes  
**Inspection Recommendation:** Inspect as convenient



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(Minimum Notice: Permittee must sign and return notification  
within one month of the completion of work.)

### COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION FORM

**USACE Project Number:** NAE-2018-00910

**Name of Permittee:** NHDOT Project No. 16304

**Permit Issuance Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign this certification and return it to the following address upon completion of the activity and any mitigation required by the permit. You must submit this after the mitigation is complete, but not the mitigation monitoring, which requires separate submittals.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\* MAIL TO: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District \*  
\* Policy Analysis/Technical Support Branch, ATTN: Marie Farese \*  
\* Regulatory Division \*  
\* 696 Virginia Road \*  
\* Concord, Massachusetts 01742-2751 \*  
\*\*\*\*\*

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by an U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with this permit you are subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation.

**I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above referenced permit was completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above referenced permit, and any required mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Permittee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Work Completion

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

Permittee New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Project No. 16304

Permit No. NAE-2018-00910

Issuing Office New England District

NOTE: The term "you" and its derivatives, as used in this permit, means the permittee or any future transferee. The term "this office" refers to the appropriate district or division office of the Corps of Engineers having jurisdiction over the permitted activity or the appropriate official of that office acting under the authority of the commanding officer.

You are authorized to perform work in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below.

**Project Description:**

Fill approximately 6.80 acres of permanent impacts to Waters of the United States in Dummer, New Hampshire associated with the realignment, raising of elevation and repair of NH RT 16 between Muzzy Hill Road (NH 101A) and Dummer Pond Road in Dummer, New Hampshire.

This work is shown on the attached plans entitled, "USGS Site location Map, Dummer, New Hampshire", dated January 02, 2018, and "Wetland Plans Federal Aid project, Town of Dummer" (1-16), dated October 2017 for a total of seventeen (17) pages.

**Project Location:**

On NH RT 16 in Dummer, New Hampshire between Muzzy Hill Road (NH 101A) and Dummer Pond Road.

**Permit Conditions:**

**General Conditions:**

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on November 8, 2028. If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least one month before the above date is reached.
2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.
3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and state coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

4. If you sell the property associated with this permit, you must obtain the signature of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.

5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.

6. You must allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

**Special Conditions:**

1. The permittee shall ensure that a copy of this permit is at the work site whenever work is being performed and that all personnel performing work at the site of the work authorized by this permit are fully aware of the terms and conditions of the permit. This permit, including its drawings and any appendices and other attachments, shall be made a part of any and all contracts and sub-contracts for work which affects areas of Corps of Engineers jurisdiction at the site of the work authorized by this permit. This shall be done by including the entire permit in the specifications for work.

**Special Conditions continued on Page 4**

**Further Information:**

1. Congressional Authorities: You have been authorized to undertake the activity described above pursuant to:

( ) Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

(X) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

( ) Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413).

2. Limits of this authorization.

a. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, state, or local authorizations required by law.

b. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.

c. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

d. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project.

3. Limits of Federal Liability. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:

a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.

b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.

c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.

d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.

e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.

4. **Reliance on Applicant's Data:** The determination of this office that issuance of this permit is not contrary to the public interest was made in reliance on the information you provided.

5. **Reevaluation of Permit Decision.** This office may reevaluate its decision on this permit at any time the circumstances warrant. Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. You fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

b. The information provided by you in support of your permit application proves to have been false, incomplete, or inaccurate (See 4 above).

c. Significant new information surfaces which this office did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision.

Such a reevaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5. The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring you to comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. You will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by this office, and if you fail to comply with such directive, this office may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CFR 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill you for the cost.

6. **Extensions.** General condition 1 establishes a time limit for the completion of the activity authorized by this permit. Unless there are circumstances requiring either a prompt completion of the authorized activity or a reevaluation of the public interest decision, the Corps will normally give favorable consideration to a request for an extension of this time limit.

Your signature below, as permittee, indicates that you accept and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PERMITTEE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

This permit becomes effective when the Federal official, designated to act for the Secretary of the Army, has signed below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank J. Del Giudice  
Chief, Permits & Enforcement Branch  
For District Engineer

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(TRANSFEE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

**Special Conditions continued from Page 2**

If the permit is issued after the construction specifications but before receipt of bids or quotes, the entire permit shall be included as an addendum to the specifications. If the permit is issued after receipt of bids or quotes, the entire permit shall be included in the contract or sub-contract as a change order. The term "entire permit" includes permit amendments. Although the permittee may assign various aspects of the work to different contractors or sub-contractors, all contractors and sub-contractors shall be obligated by contract to comply with all environmental protection provisions of the entire permit, and no contract or sub-contract shall require or allow unauthorized work in areas of Corps jurisdiction.

2. This authorization requires you to submit a Compliance Certification Form. You must complete and return the enclosed Work Start Notification Form(s) to this office at least two weeks before the anticipated starting date. The permittee shall complete and return the enclosed Compliance Certification Form within one month following the completion of the authorized work.

3. Construct in accordance with the attached plans

All construction shall be completed in accordance with the limits of construction and construction sequences detailed on the attached plan drawings, , "USGS Site location Map, Dummer, New Hampshire " , dated January 02, 2018, and "Wetland Plans Federal Aid project, Town of Dummer" (1-16), dated October 2017 for a total of seventeen (17) pages.. If you change the plans or construction methods for work within or adjacent to the wetlands and/or waterways, please contact us immediately to discuss modification of this authorization. The Corps must approve any changes before you undertake them.

4. Submittals and Notifications

Adequate sedimentation and erosion control devices, such as geo-textile silt fences or other devices capable of filtering the fines involved, shall be installed and properly maintained to minimize impacts during construction. These devices must be removed upon completion of work and stabilization of disturbed areas. The sediment collected by these devices must also be removed and placed upland, in a manner that will prevent its later erosion and transport to a waterway or wetland.

5. Except where stated otherwise, reports, drawings, correspondence and any other submittals required by this permit shall be marked with the words "Permit No. NAE-2018-00910" and shall be addressed to "Inspection Section, CENAE-R, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751." Documents which are not marked and addressed in this manner may not reach their intended destination and do not comply with the requirements of this permit.

6. Pre-Construction Meetings:

Prior to the commencement of work authorized by this permit, the New Hampshire DOT shall schedule and hold a pre-construction meeting with the Corps of Engineers and the contractor in order to discuss the terms and conditions of this authorization.

7. Invasive Species

a. Prior to being onsite, the contractor shall thoroughly inspect and remove seeds, plant material, soil, mud, insects, and other invertebrates on all equipment, including construction mats, to be used on the project site to prohibit introduction of invasive organisms. At a minimum, the following shall be inspected and cleaned on terrestrial vehicles where applicable:

*Rubber Tired Vehicles* - Crevices in upper surface and panels, tires, rims, and fender wells, spare tire mounting area, bumpers, front and rear quarter panels, around and behind grills, bottom of radiator vent openings, brake mechanisms, transmission, stabilizer bar, shock absorbers, front and rear axles, beds, suspension units, exhaust systems, light casings, and mirrors.

*Tracked Land Vehicles* - Crevices in upper surface and panels, top of axles and tensioners, support rollers, between rubber or gridded areas, beneath fenders, hatches, under casings, and grills.

*Interiors of All Vehicles* - Beneath seats, beneath floor mats, upholstery, beneath foot pedals, inside folds of gear shift cover.

b. When equipment has been previously used in an area known or suspected to contain live zebra or quagga mussels at any life stage, the contractor shall thoroughly clean all equipment that was in contact with the body of water before bringing it. Whenever practical, the least infested (or least likely to be infested) sites should be visited first to reduce the risk of accidentally infecting a new area during field work.

8. Best Management Practices (BMPs) for erosion and sediment control will be implemented for this project.

9. Compensatory mitigation shall be provided in the form of an in-lieu-fee (ILF) payment of \$892,620.62 into the State of New Hampshire Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) fund in accordance with the terms and Conditions of the above-referenced Wetlands Bureau permit. Work shall not begin until this payment is made.